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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Inventor:	John M. Davidson et al.	)		
		)	Group Art Unit:	2142
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		)	Examiner:	Stephan F. Willett
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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANAGING TUNNELED  
COMMUNICATIONS IN AN ENTERPRISE NETWORK

Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In response to the Examiner's telephone inquiry earlier today regarding the claim term "signal", Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified application.